

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

March 8, 2013

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington DC 20554

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

We understand that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has begun to implement spectrum incentive auction provisions as authorized in The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. As you proceed with the rulemaking process, we ask the commission to take into consideration the unique challenges facing New Hampshire viewers.

The foundation of the 2012 law is broadly supported - to provide expanded opportunity and access to broadband services. To achieve that goal, spectrum will need to be cleared and made available for broadband use. This incentive auction process could eventually lead to reassignment of certain television channels that could affect New Hampshire viewers.

Television audiences in our state rely on their local stations every day for news, emergency information, sports and entertainment. Given our proximity to the northern border, and with a majority of our state's viewers served by the dense Boston designated market area, channel realignment poses challenges for our state and could put viewers at risk.

We ask that the commission work diligently to preserve viewer access during any reassignment of television channels. We hope you will allow the public to review and understand these proposed changes, and we ask that you please keep us apprised.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


JEANNE SHAHEEN
Senator


KELLY AYOTTE
Senator


ANN KUSTER
Member of Congress


CAROL SHEA-PORTER
Member of Congress

cc: Commissioner Clyburn, Commissioner McDowell, Commissioner Pai, Commissioner Rosenworcel



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March 13, 2013

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senate
520 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Shaheen:

Thank you for your letter commenting on the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* to implement the broadcast incentive auctions authorized by the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. The Commission's work in its incentive auction proceeding is guided by a set of core goals and principles that include maximizing broadcaster participation by, among other things, making the auction process as transparent and easy-to-understand as possible. Your views are very important and will be included in the record of the proceeding and considered as part of the Commission's review.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Gregory Guice
Director
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The Honorable Kelly Ayotte
United States Senate
188 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Ayotte:

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The Honorable Ann McLane Kuster
U.S. House of Representatives
137 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Kuster:

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March 13, 2013

The Honorable Carol Shea-Porter
U.S. House of Representatives
1530 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Shea-Porter:

Thank you for your letter commenting on the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* to implement the broadcast incentive auctions authorized by the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. The Commission's work in its incentive auction proceeding is guided by a set of core goals and principles that include maximizing broadcaster participation by, among other things, making the auction process as transparent and easy-to-understand as possible. Your views are very important and will be included in the record of the proceeding and considered as part of the Commission's review.

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